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Dear Manufacturer,

SUBJECT: Transfer of Heavy-Duty Certification Activities

As you may know, the Office of Mobile Sources reorganized effective September 24, 1995. One outcome of this reorganization was to place all engine program and compliance activities in a single division, separate from vehicle activities.

Due to the reorganization, the new Engine Programs and Compliance Division (EPCD) will be handling the certification of both highway and nonroad engines. EPCD has formed an Engine Compliance Programs Group (ECP) which will oversee engine certification activities. This letter specifically addresses the on-highway heavy-duty diesel and heavy-duty gasoline engine certification activities which are already underway, and which are currently being handled by the Vehicle Programs and Compliance Division (VPCD).

The certification activity for on-highway heavy duty engines is being transferred to the ECP group. Anne Fredo has been appointed the team leader for engine certification activities and will be your initial point of contact effective April 1, 1996. After this date, please send mail (including 1996/97 applications for certificates, 1996/97 running changes, field fixes, revisions to 1996/97 applications and general correspondence) to:

Certification Team  
Engine Compliance Programs Group  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M Street SW      Mail Code 6403-J  
Washington, DC 20460  
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Telephone inquiries after April 1 should be directed to Anne Fredo at (202)233-9263.

To help ensure a smooth transition, ECP staff have been participating when possible in meetings with on-highway manufacturers and have been involved in technical compliance

decisions which have arisen.

It is important that you redirect your mail beginning April 1, 1996 to avoid delays in certification. Your files which are currently in the possession of VPCD will be transferred to ECP staff as soon as possible. Certificates will be issued by the VPCD in Ann Arbor, MI for all complete applications submitted prior to April 1, 1996.

Following discussions with on-highway heavy-duty engine/vehicle manufacturers, EPA has decided to divide the heavy-duty engine/vehicle certification responsibilities as follows:

1. The ECP Group in Washington, D.C. will issue the following types of certificates:

- Heavy-duty engine family certificates (including California-only medium-duty incomplete vehicle certificates) for engines which were tested on an engine dynamometer.
- Heavy-duty vehicle evaporative-only certificates, including evaporative-only certificates for California medium-duty vehicles which were certified as incomplete vehicles for exhaust emissions.

2. The VPCD staff in Ann Arbor, Michigan will issue the following types of certificates:

- Heavy-duty engine family/evaporative family certificates for vehicles which were tested on a chassis dynamometer, including California-only medium duty vehicle certificates and "heavy-as-light" certificates issued under the provisions of 40 CFR 86.094-1(b).

This plan is in agreement with the recommendations provided by the American Automobile Manufacturers Association in their March 11, 1996 letter to Ms. Anne Fredo. If you have any questions about the transferring of certification activities from VPCD to the ECP group, or about this manufacturer guidance letter, please do not hesitate to contact Anne Fredo at the above listed phone number.

Sincerely,

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